

MINUTES OF MEETING
STATE OF WISCONSIN
PRIVATE EMPLOYER HEALTH CARE COVERAGE BOARD
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2001

WISCONSIN PUBLIC BROADCASTING BLDG.
3319 W. BELTLINE HWY.
MADISON, WI

BOARD PRESENT: Eric Stanchfield, Chair
James Krogstad, Secretary
DeWayne Bierman
Kenneth Conger
Gina Erickson
James Janes
Gary Meier
Russ Pederson (representing Secretary Phyllis Dubé)
Christopher Queram

BOARD NOT PRESENT: Tim Size
John Turcott

PARTICIPATING STAFF: Tom Korpady, Administrator, Division of Insurance Services
Phil Borden, Program Director, PEHCCP
A.B. Orlik, Program Manager, PEHCCP
Gina Fischer, Board Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Mills, Deputy Secretary
Dave Hinrichs, Executive Assistant
Pam Henning, Director, Legislation and Planning
Mike Honeck, Office of the Commissioner of Insurance
Angie Bohnert, Legislative Audit Bureau
Kendra Eppler, Legislative Audit Bureau
Wayne Corey, Wisconsin Independent Businesses
Bill Smith, National Federation of Independent Businesses
Sabrina Gentile, Wisconsin Farm Bureau
Joe Kachelski, Wisconsin Association of Health Plans
Gary Fisher, Wisconsin Politics

Mr. Stanchfield called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m.

Mr. Stanchfield introduced Mr. Russ Pederson from the Dept. of Health and Family Services. He noted that Secretary Dubé has named Mr. Pederson as her designee for today's meeting.

Note: A letter dated May 1, 2001 from Secretary Dubé is on file naming Mr. Pederson as her designee for today's meeting and any future meetings that she is unable to attend.

Consideration of Minutes of December 4, 2000

MOTION: Mr. Janes moved to accept the minutes of the December 4, 2000 meeting as submitted by the Board Coordinator. Mr. Conger seconded the motion, which passed without objection on a voice vote.

Election of Officers

The following members were elected to serve as Board officers:

Tim Size – Chair
Christopher Queram – Vice-Chair
James Krogstad – Secretary

External Updates

- **Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) Task Force**

Mike Honeck from OCI gave an update on the activities of the Small Employer Health Insurance Task Force. He gave an overview of the recommendations that will most likely be included in the Task Force's final report to the Governor. Mr. Honeck indicated that the report should be available sometime in June.

(Mr. Bierman arrived at 1:24 p.m.)

- **Institute for Health Policy Solutions (IHPS) Annual Conference**

Mr. Borden gave a summary of the discussions that took place at the annual conference of the Academy for Consumer-Choice Health Purchasing Groups, sponsored by IHPS on April 23-24, 2001.

Conference participants included representatives from health insurance purchasing pools operating or under development in California, Connecticut, Colorado, Kansas, New York, and Wisconsin.

Program Updates

- **Structural Changes**

Ms. Orlik indicated that the Senate was expected to refer Senate Bill 81 to the Joint Committee on Finance before the end of the day.

- **Short-term Funding**

Ms. Orlik stated that the Department of Employee Trust Funds had submitted an emergency funding request to the Joint Committee on Finance pursuant to s.13.101. The request for funding represented a short-term approach to keep the program moving forward toward implementation. The request was denied.

- **Long-term Funding**

Ms. Orlik informed the Board that the Department had requested that the Joint Committee on Finance consider a budget amendment to provide general purpose revenue (GPR) funding for the program through the 2001-2003 biennium. It was unclear whether the committee would consider this request at its Friday, May 4, 2001 executive session.

MOTION: Mr. Krogstad moved to adjourn. Mr. Meier seconded the motion, which passed without objection on a voice vote.

The Private Employer Health Care Coverage Board adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Date Approved_____

Signed:_____

James Krogstad
Secretary